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Applic. No. : 10/718,315  
Applicant : Francesco Serino, et al.  
Filed : November 20, 2003  
Title : Vascular Prosthesis for the Treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms, Using a Combined Laparoscopic/Open and Endovascular Technique, and Delivery System for Releasing a Prosthesis Fitted with Anchoring Stents  
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Sir:

The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on November 20, 2003 with a signed declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

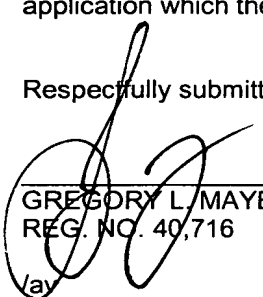
In accordance with the above-mentioned rule, enclosed herewith is a signed substitute declaration as required. Please note that the new signature date for the declaration signed by both inventors is as follows:

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**Second Inventor's Name:** Mauro Ferrari **Date:** December 24, 2003

The undersigned hereby states that the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration. MPEP 602 (8<sup>th</sup> ed., Aug. 2001).

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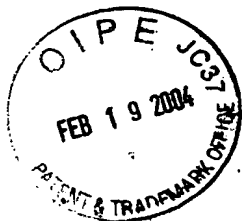
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**VASCULAR PROSTHESIS FOR THE TREATMENT OF ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSMS, USING A COMBINED LAPAROSCOPIC/OPEN AND ENDOVASCULAR TECHNIQUE, AND DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR RELEASING A PROSTHESIS FITTED WITH ANCHORING STENTS**

described and claimed in the specification bearing that title, that I understand the content of the specification, that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve month prior to this application, that I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate of this invention has been filed earlier than the following in any country foreign to the United States prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns:

Italian Application No. RM2002A000596, filed November 27, 2002, the International Priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.O. §119.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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